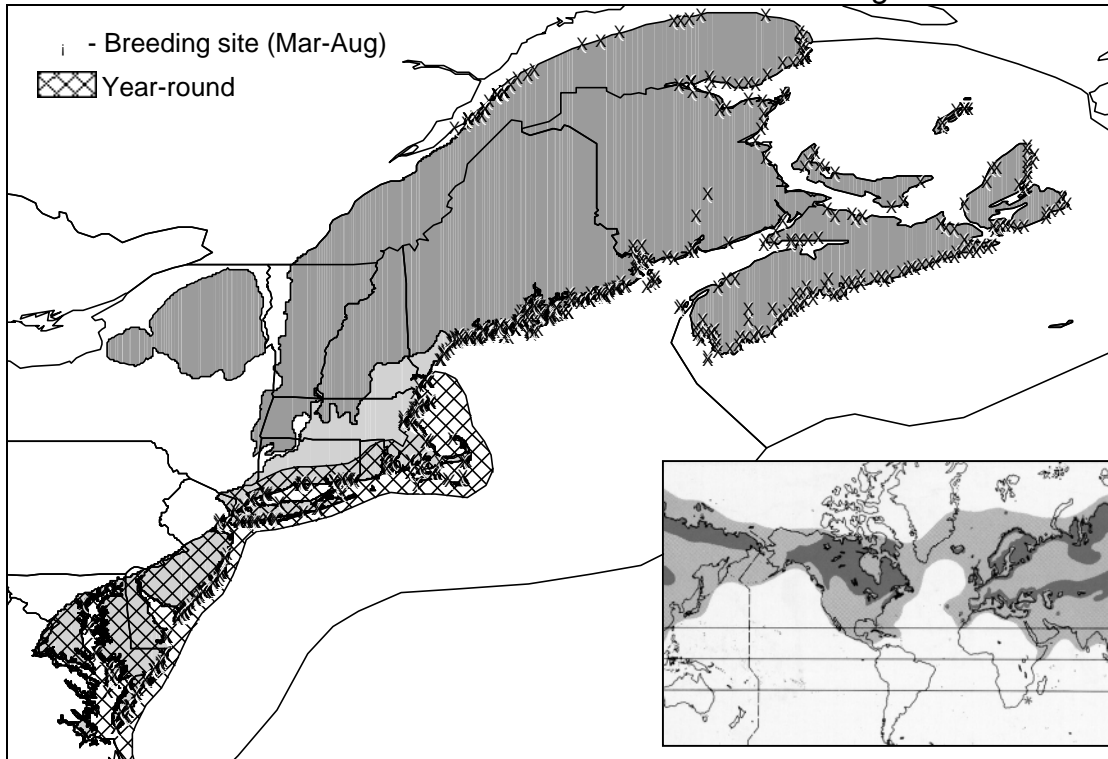


HERRING GULL

Larus argentatus smithsonianus



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds and winters in region
- Habitats used: seacoasts, bays, estuaries, lakes, and rivers, nesting along rocky or sandy coasts, islands, and on cliffs

NAWCP BD=1; NAWCP ND=1

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population: US—140,023 (441 colonies); CAN—138,500
- 1970s population: US—224,752 (502 colonies)
- 37.7% decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats

- Population growth limited by availability of suitable nesting and foraging areas
- Affected by oil pollution and pesticide contamination
- Reduction in food supply due to over-fishing

NAWCP TB=3; NAWCP TN=2

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
2,617,000 – 3,026,000t	>246,000b	183,898b	94,625b	30,575b	36,242b	73,206b	138,500b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Low Concern (PI=33-38%)	Moderate (PI=75%)	Low (PI=38%)	NJ- S5B, S5N; DE-S3B, S5N; MD-S5B, S5N; VA-S4	NY-S5; CT-S5; RI-S3B, SZN; MA-S5; VT-S4B,S5N	MA-S5, NH-S5; ME-S5B, S5N; NB-S5B, S5N; NS-S5B, S5N	QC-S5; NB- S5B, S5N PE-S5B, S5N; NS- S5B, S5N

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 3 fledglings / pair / year, ~23% of pairs; *Foraging Habitat:* up to 100 km from colony; typically within 20km; generalist and predator on pelagic and intertidal marine; opportunistic; individual specialization common; varies with food; along rocky shore, low intertidal and shallow subtidal; at sea around submarine features; *Issues:* Population control of Herring Gulls has been conducted by state agencies and private individuals in an attempt to provide greater nesting opportunities for other seabirds, such as terns, puffins, and other types of gulls. Efforts appear ineffective on large scale, but have been successful in smaller colonies; Out-competed by Great Black-backed Gulls; *Needs:* monitor, manage on site basis for conflicts with other nesting species, reduce supplemental food sources, conflicts with public; *Population Goals:* maintain (below maximum), target 248,500-303,700b; *Habitat Goals:*